

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2020-2021



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Annual Report AR-1
Kern Revenue and Expenditure Summary
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Revenue Detail	
Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$9,209,190
First 5 IMPACT 2020 Funds	\$509,350
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	\$0
DLL Pilot Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds	\$42,857
Other First 5 California Funds Description – Home Visiting Coordination (HVC)	
Other Public Funds	\$157,205
Other Public Funds Description – Kern County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services funding in support of the Help Me Grow – Kern County Program.	
Donations	\$0
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$215,461
Grants	\$218,034
Grants Description – CA Children & Families Foundation (\$12,375) pass-through funding from United Way of CA. Dollars support educating families at high risk for ACEs on the benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit. ACEs Aware Grant (\$205,659) in support of systems change. Dollars support the continued development of Trauma-Informed Networks of Care designed to address ACEs and toxic stress.	
Other Funds	\$(725)
Other Funds – Net of Indirect Cost Revenue adjustment and Reliaster Life Insurance refund (\$197).	
Total Revenue	\$10,351,372

Improved Family Functioning

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Core Operating Support	541	9,018	69	\$569,983
General Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	• Core Operating Support	2,164	4,651	12	\$1,230,397
Intensive Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable	2,485	1,819	0	\$564,959
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	401	457	0	\$408,615
Total						\$2,773,954

Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning Supports	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable	600	0	0	\$485,363
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	CBO/Non-Profit	• Preschool/Childcare	92	66	0	\$288,149
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	County Office of Education/School District	• Preschool/Childcare	544	591	49	\$541,828
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	Other Public	• Preschool/Childcare	188	219	0	\$337,375
Total						\$1,652,715

Improved Child Health

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families	Amount
General Health Education and Promotion	Hospital/Health Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	741	29	0	0	\$283,075
General Health Education and Promotion	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Education 	54	68	6	6	\$11,390
General Health Education and Promotion	Other Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Education 	65	0	0	0	\$8,260
Oral Health Education and Treatment	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	1,040	0	0	0	\$811,714
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild-to-Moderate Supports • Not Applicable 	112	60	0	0	\$277,636
Early Intervention	County Health & Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Coordination and Linkage 	61	0	0	0	\$43,737
Early Intervention	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild-to-Moderate Supports 	125	157	0	0	\$169,615
Early Intervention	Other Private/For Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild-to-Moderate Supports 	28	0	0	0	\$150,000
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable • Nurse Family Partnership 	109	153	0	0	\$439,727
Total							\$2,195,154

Improved Systems of Care

Service	Grantee	Programs	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	\$18,500
Policy and Public Advocacy	First 5 County Commission	• Not Applicable	\$1,117,487
Policy and Public Advocacy	Other Private/For Profit	• Not Applicable	\$16,233
Systems Building	Other Private/For Profit	• Trauma-Informed Care ACEs	\$169,768
Systems Building	CBO/Non-Profit	• Early Identification and Intervention	\$164,547
Systems Building	First 5 County Commission	• Early Identification and Intervention • Trauma-Informed Care/ACEs	\$5,115
Emergency and Disaster Relief	First 5 County Commission	• Direct Material Support	\$43,883
Total			\$1,535,533

Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$8,157,356
Administrative Expenditures	\$507,594
Evaluation Expenditures	\$409,126
Total Expenditures	\$9,074,076
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$1,277,296

Other Financing Details

Category	Amount
Sale(s) of Capital Assets	\$0
Other	\$0
Total Other Financing Sources	\$0

Net Change in Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Fund Balance – Beginning	\$17,897,750
Fund Balance – Ending	\$19,175,046
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,277,296

Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$56,188
Restricted	\$8,958,658
Committed	\$0
Assigned	\$0
Unassigned	\$10,160,200
Total Fund Balance	\$19,175,046

Expenditure Note

Contributions to agents decreased by \$981,962 in fiscal year 2020-21 from those of the prior year. This is attributable to the continuing pandemic. All funded programs experienced COVID-19 furloughs and staffing reductions with limited client contact which resulted in lower billings to First 5 Kern.

Small Population County Funding Augmentation Expenditure Detail

Category	Amount	Comment
Program: Evidenced-Based	\$0	
Program: Evidenced-Informed	\$0	
Program: Other Funded	\$0	
Program: Professional Development, Training, and Technical Assistance	\$0	
Administration	\$0	
Evaluation	\$0	
Other (Please Explain)	\$0	
Total	\$0	
If unspent funds occurred during the FY, please list amount and provide explanation.	\$0	

Annual Report AR-2
Kern Demographic Worksheet
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Population Served	
Category	Number
Children Less than 3 Years Old	4,525
Children from 3 rd to 6 th Birthday	4,825
Providers	205
Primary Caregivers	17,288
Total Population Served	26,843

Primary Languages Spoken in the Home		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	5,557	4,184
Spanish	2,169	2,628
Cantonese	0	2
Vietnamese	1	1
Korean	1	0
Unknown	1,622	10,473
Total	9,350	17,288

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Alaska Native/American Indian	53	30
Asian	93	39
Black/African-American	587	422
Hispanic/Latino	4,530	4,092
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	48	63

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
White	1,652	1,268
Two or more races	343	149
Unknown	2,044	11,225
Total	9,350	17,288

Duplication Assessment

Category	Data
Degree of Duplication	15%
Confidence in Data	Moderately confident
Additional Details (Optional)	<p>There are two data reporting categories - aggregate and client level. Aggregate reporting programs do not submit identifying data. Client level reporting programs enter client data into Persimmony. Duplication within and across programs is monitored using the Client Duplicates report. Forty-three duplicate clients were identified. Because aggregate reporting programs do not submit identifying data, we cannot compare the level of duplication across aggregate and client level programs.</p>

Annual Report AR-3
Kern County Evaluation Summary and Highlights
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Evaluation activities include:

- Dissemination of qualitative stories on the program impact across 39 service providers;
- Implementation of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol, including site visits, consent form administration and IRB training for 206 program staff;
- Comparison of target and actual counts across 53 result indicators in Child Health, Family Functioning, Child Development, and Systems of Care;
- Collection of service integration data to assess capacity of program networking;
- Monitoring of leveraged funds to track external resource recruitment in each program;
- Articulation of the achieved results with program funding to justify cost effectiveness;
- Analysis of the evaluation findings to support new recommendations in an annual report⁽¹⁾;
- Gathering of eight assessment data to report improvement of service outcomes on the time dimension;
- Training of the evaluator as a certified analyst in multiple data imputations;
- Examination of the Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2) threshold gaps to improve social emotional screening;
- Highlight of grant outcomes from the ACEs [adverse childhood experiences] Aware Initiative to strengthen Trauma-Informed Networks of Care across Kern County.

Evaluation findings were generated to support:

- Illustration of the profound differences First 5 Kern made in the real lives of children and their families;
- Compliance of data handling according to federal, state, and local laws or regulations;
- Assessment of the quarterly progress in service deliveries toward the annual target;
- Summary of social network patterns in service integration;
- Continuation of First 5 Kern's leadership in expanding sources of program support;
- Justification of Proposition 10 funding with program outcomes;
- Documentation of old and new recommendations for improvement of program administration;

- Configuration of value-added assessment on the program impact between pretest and posttest results;
- Presentation of new analytic methods for missing data treatment at the 2021 annual meeting of the American Statistical Association^[2];
- Development of an article (in press) in Journal of Nursing Measurement on social emotional assessment;
- Demonstration of the local capacity building with an ACEs grant funding.

Policy Impact

COVID-19 has vastly impacted public health, creating excessive stress for children, families, and service providers. Given the need of comprehensive support in physical and mental health, as well as early learning and parent education, First 5 Kern funded 41 programs to offer critical services in Child Health, Family Functioning, and Child Development. In addition, the Commission strengthened the systems of care to close equity gaps in program access by traditionally underserved populations. The well-rounded effort has a profound policy implication because “Policies that support the whole child can reduce and even prevent adverse experiences in childhood and potentially break the cycle of adversity.”^[3]

To sustain the holistic approach in early childhood support, the commission demonstrated professional leadership to overcome service barriers and establish a Resilient Kern Initiative with 21 organizations to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Built on the progress, First 5 Kern was awarded a nearly \$300,000 ACEs planning grant through a stiff competition across the state. Therefore, First 5 Kern’s policy impact is not only aligned with the improvement of child health and wellbeing according to the largest pandemic recovery plan (SB129) in California, but also demonstrated by the strategy of whole-child and whole-family emphasis to strengthen equity of local program support for all young children to thrive.

Notes:

^[1] <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED610410.pdf>

^[2] [http://www.csub.edu/~jwang/ASA\(4%20minutes\).mp4](http://www.csub.edu/~jwang/ASA(4%20minutes).mp4)

^[3] <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41390-020-0905-7>

County Highlight

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, First 5 Kern began a new five-year funding cycle reinvesting in the Commission's commitment to serving children and their families through programs that address Health and Wellness, Parent Education and Support Services, Early Childcare and Education, and Integration of Services.

Programs worked together to develop innovative methods to continue service delivery with minimal interruptions given the pandemic restrictions. The programs used social media and hybrid-virtual formats to provide court-mandated parent education, workshops, center-based activities, and case management services. In addition to the virtual platforms, the Kern County Children's Dental Health Network adapted and scheduled drive-thru dental screenings to address children's dental needs. This service delivery method also provided an opportunity to partner with the Children's Mobile Immunization Program and provided access to two services at one location.

In the fiscal year 2020-21, First 5 Kern continued its commitment to systems change efforts by applying and being awarded the Home Visiting Coordination grant, the ACEs Aware planning grant, and the Earned Income Tax Credit grant. Each award presented First 5 Kern with the opportunity to engage and work with community partners to help facilitate conversations on networking, collaboration, and system delivery. With an overall goal to enhance the systems of care by addressing the inequities faced by the children and families of Kern County.

First 5 Kern launched ResilientKern.org, a website designed to collect and share information and resources specific to Trauma-Informed Care. The website includes relevant news, a list of local partners, training opportunities, recordings of past sessions on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and information on trauma and toxic stress. In addition, the site contains updates on ACEs Aware projects and will grow as efforts in this area develop.